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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: UNITED STATES V. MANAFZADEH

REF: TEHRAN 5073

1. ABOVE CASE IS A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR CHECK KITING, IN WHICH USG IS THE AGGRIEVED PARTY. ACCORDING TO REFTEL, THERE IS ALSO PENDING A CIVIL SUIT IN WHICH CHASE MANHATTAN IS PLAINTIFF. DEPT NOT PREVIOUSLY AWARE OF THIS CIVIL SUIT. IN BOTH CASES, ALLEGATIONS UNDERLYING COMPLAINTS ARE SIMILAR; THUS, EVIDENCE TENDING TO PROVE ALLEGATIONS IN ONE CASE WILL BE USEFUL IN THE OTHER.

2. PROOF OF NONEXISTENT ACCOUNT AND COMPANY MENTIONED REFTEL IS AS ESSENTIAL TO GOVT'S CASE AS IT IS TO CHASE'S. (TRIAL, WHICH WAS TO HAVE BEGUN ON 5/5, HAS BEEN DELAYED). DEPT OF JUSTICE HAS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY OBTAIN FOR IT SAME INFORMATION THAT CHASE (KAUFMAN) IS SEEKING. GIVEN USG'S INTEREST IN CASE, EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE FORMAL REQUEST TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR STATEMENT OF MANAFZEDEH'S ACCOUNT FROM BANK SADERAT, AND FOR
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CONFIRMATION FROM COMPANIES REGISTRATION OFFICE OF NON-EXISTENCE OF COMPANY IN QUESTION.

3. IN ORDER FOR THESE STATEMENTS TO BE ADMITTED IN EVIDENCE, CERTAIN CERTIFICATES MUST BE AFFIXED TO THEM:
(A) BANK STATEMENTS: THIS STATEMENT SHOULD CONSIST OF PHOTOCOPIES OF RECORDS OF NAMAFAZADEH'S ACCOUNT UNDER

COVER OF A NOTARIZED LETTER FROM THE BANK READING AS
FOLLOWS:

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY OF BANK RECORDS

I, AHMAD HAGHI, STATE ON MY OATH (OR SOLEMNLY AFFIRM) THAT
I HAVE AUTHORITY OVER THE CUSTODY OF THE BUSINESS RECORDS
OF BANK SADERAT, AND THAT, PURSUANT TO THE REQUEST OF THE
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, I HAVE FURNISHED THE ATTACHED
DOCUMENTS INDICATING THE OPENING AND CLOSING DATES OF
ACCOUNT NO. HELD IN THE NAME OF EKRAM MANAFZADEH.

I FURTHER STATE THAT:

- (1) THESE DOCUMENTS ARE TRUE AND EXACT COPIES OF
ORIGINAL RECORDS PRESENTLY IN THE CUSTODY OF BANK SADERAT.
- (2) THE ORIGINAL OF THESE COPIES ARE MAINTAINED IN
THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS OF BANK SADERAT AND IT IS
A REGULAR PRACTICE OF BANK SADERAT TO MAKE RECORDS OF THIS
TYPE.
- (3) THESE RECORDS WERE MADE AT OR NEAR THE TIME OF THE
OCCURANCE OF THE EVENT OR TRANSACTIONS THEY RECORD.

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THE BANK'S LETTER SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE MINISTRY OF
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JUSTICE. MINISTRY OF JUSTICE SHOULD IN TURN ATTACH A
CERTIFICATE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

CERTIFICATE OF MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF THE EMPIRE OF IRAN

I, , CERTIFY ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF
THE EMPIRE OF IRAN THAT, PURSUANT TO A REQUEST OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
REQUESTED DOCUMENTS FROM THE BANK SADERAT INDICATING THE

OPENING AND CLOSING DATES OF ACCOUNT NO. IN THE NAME
OF EKRAM MANAFZADEH. I CERTIFY THAT MR. AHMAD HAGHI IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE BANK SADERAT AND THAT HE FURNISHED
THE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS AND SIGNED THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE
OF AUTHENTICITY.

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THIS CERTIFICATE SHOULD THEN BE AUTHENTICATED BY EMBASSY
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 7 FAM 834.4.

(B) STATEMENT FROM COMPANIES REGISTRATION OFFICE: THIS
STATEMENT SHOULD INDICATE THAT UNDER IRANIAN LAW, ALL
COMPANIES (OR ALL COMPANIES OF A CERTAIN TYPE) MUST BE
REGISTERED WITH THE COMPANIES REGISTRATION OFFICE, AND
THAT THE COMPANY IN QUESTION WAS NOT REGISTERED AT THE
TIME OF THE ALLEGED TRANSACTION. STATEMENT SHOULD CONTAIN
ASSERTION THAT IT IS MADE BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS
AUTHORIZED TO MAKE SUCH STATEMENTS BY VIRTUE OF HIS
OFFICIAL POSITION. STATEMENT SHOULD THEN BE AUTHENTI-
CATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 7 FAM 843.4.

4. ABOVE DOCUMENTS ARE NEEDED BY JUNE 15; REQUEST
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EMBASSY DO ALL POSSIBLE TO SECURE THEM AND FORWARD THEM BY
FASTEST MEANS TO UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, SOUTHERN
DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE, FOLEY
SQUARE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007, ATTENTION HOWARD GOLDSTEIN.
IF EMBASSY IS ABLE TO SECURE TWO COPIES OF RESPONSE, DEPT
HAS NO OBJECTION TO PROVIDING SECOND COPY TO CHASE
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